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SUBJ: TOKYO METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY ELECTS LDP SPEAKER AND
KOMEITO VICE SPEAKER AUGUST 10

1. TOKYO METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY OPENED POST-ELECTION EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION AUGUST 10 BY ELECTING LDP MEMBER YASUNOSUKE DAIGO (AGE 61) SPEAKER AND KOMEITO MEMBER KUNIHARU NISHIDATA (AGE 57) VICE-SPEAKER. LDP IS LARGEST PARTY IN 125-SEAT ASSEMBLY WITH 52 SEATS, AND KOMEITO SECOND LARGEST WITH 26.

2. KOMEITO REJECTED BLANDISHMENTS OF JSP AND JCP TO SUPPORT JOINT OPPOSITION CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER, VOTING INSTEAD FOR LDP CANDIDATE DAIGO. LDP MEMBERS THEN SUPPORTED KOMEITO CANDIDATE NISHIKATA FOR POST OF VICE-SPEAKER.

3. KOMEITO ACTION PROBABLY MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO SUPPORT TRADITION OF ELECTING SPEAKER FROM RANKS OF LARGEST PARTY IN ASSEMBLY, PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS ALSO ENSURED ELECTION OF VICE-SPEAKER FROM RANKS OF SECOND LARGEST PARTY. HOWEVER, THIS ACTION LIKELY TO REINFORCE CRITICISM BY JSP AND JCP THAT KOMEITO IS QUOTE TRAJAN HORSE UNQUOTE OF LDP AND NOT A
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TRUE OPPOSITION PARTY.

4. TWO-DAY EXTRADORDINARY SESSION WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS
DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR COMFORTABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT, IN-
CLUDING RIGHT TO ENJOY SUNSHINE, WHICH PRESENTED BY CITIZENS
LEAGUE AGAINST URBAN POLLUTION. DISCUSSION OF SENSITIVE QTE
SUNSHINE ORDINANCE UNQTE IS EXPECTED TO BE CARRIED OVER TO
REGULAR ASSEMBLY SESSION BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER.
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